

June 27, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, June 27, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street.

Present: Roger Turner, John Spillane, Patrick Fasanello, Tom Brown and William Abbott. Also Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water.

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

Motion Made by William Abbott to accept the minutes of June 13, 2016 as amended tonight. Second by Tom Brown. Vote 5-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports that his crew has been concentrating on the break that had occurred on Park Lane a week or so ago. They replaced about 80' of pipe, it's been disinfected and they are waiting for the test results and then they will put it back on line. He says the average daily demand for May was 2.58 and in June the average is 3.64. He feels all water is going to the irrigation of lawns so it has required an increase in demand of 1mgd. He says he has amended the policy for the Board's review and adoption tonight. When the new restrictions were instituted the tank was at 55% which is not critical but if a well was lost or a major leak the ability to replenish would be impossible and this needs to be considered. Unfortunately there are some who refuse to comply. He had his men on Wednesday patrol from 3:00 am to 7:00 am and they found 98 systems watering and only 27 of them would have been in compliance with the old policy. There is discussion on the best times to allow irrigation of the lawns. Mr. Mattson says it was not critical but it was heading in that direction. People need to realize this is public drinking water supply, not irrigation systems. Mr. Abbott asks how long it took to get the tanks back and Mr. Mattson responds that once there was no outside watering allowed it took 3 days to get it back up to 90%. He adds that the equipment also needs to rest. Mr. Moraski asks to speak and says he would like to make 4 statements. He tells when there was an all-out ban he saw neighbors that still had oscillators running and he would therefore suggests that we have employees patrol on Saturdays and Sundays and ask the Police to monitor when they are driving around. His second statement was that months ago Mr. Mattson had mentioned to the Commission that they need to work with the Planning Board to eliminate expansive lawns. He would like the Board to send a memo to the Planning Board requesting this. His third suggesting is to stop allowing irrigation system meters as it is sending a mixed message. Mr. Fasanello says that irrigation systems are the most efficient way to water and Mr. Moraski responds that this is the case if they are used properly however he sees systems running in the pouring rain. The last statement is to adopt an ascending rate so the more water used, the more you pay. As a Planning Board member he sees a lot of development in the near future that will need water. He says he is asking that the Commission consider his 4 points. Mr. Mattson says anyone connected to the MWRA water must have a block rate by law. Mr. Brown asks what the maximum amount is that could be pumped and Mr. Mattson says 4.2 – 4.4 consistently however it is tough to say because it is conditional on the groundwater levels. Mr. Brown asks if there are any long term plans to add any wells. Mr. Mattson talks about Mine Brook 4 which is in place but has no pipeline or pump station but is 1.1 mg. Mr. Brown asks what would have to be done to activate and how long it would take. Mr. Mattson says they would have to go through the Water Management Permit process and it would probably take about 5 years. There is some discussion on this. **Motion Made** by Patrick Fasanello to adopt the new Water Management Policy where lawn watering will only be allowed between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for properties with odd numbered street addresses; and properties with even numbered street addresses will only be allowed to water their lawns between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Second by John Spillane. Mr. Spillane says where there will be no watering allowed on the weekends it will be easier to police. Mr. Mattson says that most systems are set for the wee hours of the night however these hours are good as it also gives consideration to those that need to use oscillator sprinklers. He would like to confirm that kiddie pools etc. are okay with the Board. He does not see a problem with these as

he feels the cause for the demand is due to those with total disregard for the policy. This discussion will be continues after the 7:15 appointment is taken.

7:15 APPT. DAVID JOHNSON RE: FAIRFIELD HOTEL

Mr. Johnson from Norwood Engineering is present to discuss the former Boston View Motel and the plans to renovate. He shows his plan for sewer and Mr. Fasanello asks if the main is large enough. Mr. Johnson says this is a 108 room hotel with no restaurant and just a continental breakfast. He says it will be a Fairfield Hotel. He talks of the water in the shoulder outside of the paved area. Mr. Mattson says he has recommended a sewer capacity analysis and they have contracted with our consultant as it would be faster and cheaper. Mr. Johnson is asking for a letter to the Planning Board. There is further discussion on the water line and Mr. Johnson says it will be a 6" fire line and 4" domestic and both will be connected with a tap and sleeve. Mr. Mattson reminds that I/I fees will apply with credit for the existing line. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer and have no objection with the applicant moving forward with sewer and water plans as presented tonight conditional upon a favorable report from Weston and Sampson for the Sewer Capacity Study, a local Sewer Extension Permit being submitted and all applicable permits and fees for water and sewer being paid. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

NEW PROPOSED WATER MANAGEMENT POLICY

This discussion is continued from the Superintendent's Status Report earlier this evening. Mr. Mattson explains the calls his office receives with questions about slip and slide and other children's toys and the rules for to using them. He feels they do not cause issues, the problem is directly related to the irrigation of lawns. Mr. Abbott wants to know what we can do and the answer is ticket. Mr. Mattson adds if someone is using 7500 gpd they are not complying with the water management policy. There is discussion and the Board agrees that this new policy should remain in place until October 3, 2016 unless there are additional problems. There is also discussion on the need to increase the fines and for the Board to get tougher with the abusers. Vote on the motion previously made 5-0-0. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to authorize the Superintendent if there is an emergency condition to adjust the policy as he feels needed provided that he notifies the Commission. Second by John Spillane. Vote 5-0-0.

GEOINSIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING RESULTS

Mr. Mattson says these are the most recent dioxane results. Mr. Fasanello asks what they are doing about it and Mr. Mattson answers they are doing onsite remediation.

Mr. Spillane asks about get Shirin Everett from Town Counsel into one of our meetings and Mr. Mattson says he will speak to Town Administration to see if this can be done. He speaks of Article 97 and Mr. Fasanello says he needs more information on this. Mr. Abbott says perhaps they could have Counsel for the open meeting law also and he is told they are two different attorneys but perhaps they could come together.

Mr. Brown would like an update on the Jarvis Farm with regard to how much has been spent using water/sewer funds to get it up and running. Mr. Mattson answers that \$30,000 was put in the budget for this. Mr. Brown then asks how much the Town has spent and Mr. Mattson says he knows that they also had a budget of \$30,000 but is unsure how much has been spent.

Mr. Turner would like to discuss Mr. Moraski's statement on the idea of reducing lawn sizes. Mr. Moraski says he is just repeating what he previously heard Mr. Mattson say and is just repeating him. Mr. Mattson says the Town of Sharon experimented with the policy of limited lawn sizes and he understands it did not go too well.

Motion Made by Patrick Fasanello to adjourn. Second by William Abbott. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.